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TAGS: OREP (EILBERG, JOSHUA)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMEN EILBERG AND FISH

1. CONGRESSMAN JOSHUA EILBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, ACCOMPANIED BY CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON FISH JR., RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND GARNER J. (JIM) CLINE, COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR, PLANS TO VISIT LONDON, BELFAST AND DUBLIN.

2. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO REVIEW OPERATION OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT WITH REGARD TO VISA REFUSALS IN IRELAND.

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3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS FOR CONGRESSMAN EILBERG AND CLINE TO TRAVEL TO LONDON AUGUST 26, AND CONGRESSMAN FISH TO JOIN THEM AUGUST 27. THEY WOULD FLY TO BELFAST THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 28, TRAVEL TO DUBLIN BY TRAIN MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1, AND LEAVE DUBLIN FOR THE UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER 2. REQUEST DUBLIN AND BELFAST TO SUGGEST A TRAIN SCHEDULE PERMITTING AN AFTERNOON IN DUBLIN SEPTEMBER 1.

4. IN LONDON CODEL REQUESTS CALL MORNING AUGUST 28 ON SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ROY MASON OR HIS

STAFF. IN NORTHERN IRELAND CODEL WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICIAL UNIONIST, ALLIANCE, AND SDLP PARTIES; MEET FATHER FAUL; MEET WITH NIO OFFICIALS AND SECURITY OFFICIALS; DISCUSS VISA REFUSALS WITH CONSUL GENERAL; AND VISIT LONG KESH PRISON. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR MEETINGS CONGEN MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE CODEL A COMPLETE VIEW OF VISA REFUSALS AS RELATED TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. DUBLIN APPOINTMENTS AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 1 WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

6. CLINE INTENDS TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH BRITISH AND IRISH EMBASSIES HERE.

7. PRECISE ITINERARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS INCLUDING FUNDING AUTHORIZATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE. VANCE

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